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Response to Restriction Requirement and
Election of Species Requirement dated June 12, 2008
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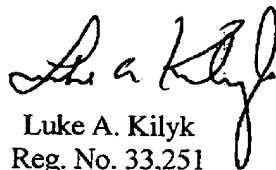
Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

At pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner is requesting that the applicant elect from one of nine groups.

To be responsive, the applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-9 and 23, drawn to a polynucleotide shown in the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5; their complementary nucleotide sequences; a polynucleotide encoding a protein shown by the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6; their complementary nucleotide sequences; a kit and comprising said polynucleotide. Further, regarding the election of species requirement, the applicants elect a polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 2. Of the elected invention, claims 1, 4-9, and 23 read on the elected species.

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